

**Division of Natural Science  
Earth Sciences Dept Meeting**

November 9, 2017

1-1:50pm

Nats 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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**MINUTES**

**Present: T. Noyes, C. Cha, R. Bouse, J. Gard, S. DiFiori, M. Ebiner, C. Herzig, R. Donegan, A. Grant**

- A. SLOs Progress: T. Noyes, will give information to R. Bouse on the SLO to be assessed in her class this semester. He will share with the Earth Sciences Dept. the format he designed for the pre-assessment tool that faculty will use. After our Dept. meeting, he will have a special SLO meeting.
- B. Program Planning—Have the plans been entered in TracDat? J. Gard reports that 3 items have been requested and entered into TracDat for the next planning cycle (stereoscopes, compasses, and fossils).
- C. Hand Sanitizer (JH)—C. Cha has purchased hand sanitizer and placed it in the office supply cabinet. Since the majority of faculty use the sinks and soap for hand washing, the hand sanitizer will be available in the cabinet for anyone who would like to use it.
- D. DVD player in Nats 218 has been replaced (JH)—C. Cha reports that the replaced DVD player was re-replaced with the original, wonky model. Sal from Media Services is aware of the issue. It was suggested that faculty use the DVD player on the computer to play DVDs.
- E. Announcements. T. Noyes would like to have discussions about offering an 'all online' oceanography course. All faculty in attendance were interested in the possibility of online courses. He will work with R. Donegan to determine if an all online course would affect articulation. The faculty talked about ways to incorporate hands-on activities into online courses, such as having students submit selfies with specific rock types, or using a rock and supply rental company to rent/sell kits to students. T. Noyes will set up a brown bag workshop for interested faculty to work together.